

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY U-338-E, for authority to issue, sell, and deliver one or more series of Debt Securities and to guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of Debt Securities, the total aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness and guarantees not to exceed \$1,586,840,000; to execute and deliver one or more indentures; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber utility property; to issue, sell and deliver in one or more series, an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 par or stated value of Cumulative Preferred Stock \$25 Par Value, Cumulative Preferred Stock --\$100 Par Value, Preference Stock or any combination thereof and for an exemption from the Commission's Competitive Bidding Rule.

Application 00-07-006
(Petition for Modification
filed January 25, 2001)

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY U-338-E, for an Order to issue Debt Securities, and/or Guarantee the Debt Securities of an Edison affiliate, to finance its Fuel Oil, Nuclear Fuel, and Coal Inventories in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$900,000,000.

Application 88-03-024
(Petition for Modification
filed January 25, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REQUIRING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TO UPDATE
THE RECORD IN THE ABOVE PROCEEDINGS**

This ruling requires Southern California Edison Company (Edison) to file an amendment to its petition to modify Decisions (D.) 88-07-069 and D.00-10-063. In its petition for modification, Edison seeks authority for exemption from the Competitive Bidding Rule for applications for which it sought financing authority. The purpose of this amendment is to further update the record and to provide the Commission more information related to these proceedings and the competitive bidding process and to determine whether, and to what extent, Edison should be exempted from the Competitive Bidding Rule. To that end, Edison shall provide the following:

1. Other than D.02-01-061, Edison's PROACT decision on January 23, 2002, please list all other decisions where Edison requested and received an exemption from the Competitive Bidding Rule.
2. Please describe the competitive bid process vs. a negotiated offering process; describe how being non-creditworthy might affect these processes.
3. Please indicate when Edison expects to need to use current financing authority (and, in particular, any possible competitive bid exemption granted) and for what purposes; please elaborate.
4. If Edison is not granted the requested exemption, how will Edison meet the requirements to the response to Question 3 above? For example if Edison intends to finance its current construction program and to refinance existing debt, how will Edison then meet these obligations?
5. Please explain the relationship between this requested exemption and Edison's creditworthiness status. In particular, how does Edison's credit status impact its ability to secure financing?

6. If Edison remains non-creditworthy for an extended period of time, will it be able to use any of its debt authority? If so, what provisions might be imposed on Edison due to its credit status, Please provide detail.
7. Please provide any additional information that Edison believes is relevant to the issues discussed in the above questions or would be beneficial to the Commission on this matter.

Edison shall file and serve the amendment to its petition required by this ruling no later October 17, 2002. Edison shall also provide an electronic copy of the amendment to the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) via e-mail (dje@cpuc.ca.gov) in Microsoft Word format. Responses to the amendment shall be filed and served no later than five business days after notice of the amendment appears in the Commission's Daily Calendar.

All communications with the assigned ALJ regarding this ruling or any other matter shall be conducted through paper mail or electronic mail (dje@cpuc.ca.gov) and not by telephone.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Southern California Edison Company (Edison) shall file and serve an amendment to its petition to modify Decision (D.) 88-07-069, and D.00-10-063 that contains the information specified in the body of this ruling. Edison shall file the amendment no later than October 17, 2002.
2. Responses to the amendment shall be filed and served no later than five business days after notice of the amendment appears in the Commission's Daily Calendar.
3. Edison shall provide an electronic copy of its amendment to the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) via e-mail (dje@cpuc.ca.gov) in Microsoft Word format.

4. Failure by Edison to provide any of the information required by this ruling may be deemed good cause to deny its petition without prejudice.

5. All communications with the assigned ALJ regarding this ruling or any other matter shall be conducted through paper mail or electronic mail (dje@cpuc.ca.gov) and not by telephone.

Dated October 1, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DEAN J. EVANS

Dean J. Evans
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Southern California Edison to Update the Record in the Above Proceedings on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 1, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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